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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone call on October 28, 2004 to discuss the above claim amendments.

Claims 25-29 and 38-49 were pending in the application. Claims 25 and 28 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 44, which has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 26 and 29 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 46, which has been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, after entry of the instant amendments, claims 25-29, 38-43, 45, and 47-49 will be pending in the application.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments to the claims. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. The amendments were made solely to expedite prosecution, and do not reflect a concession to the validity any rejection.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' agent would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 439-4444.

Respectfully submitted,


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